

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Report from the Covington Independent School District and update on KDE's work with low-performing schools (Report under separate cover)

### **Applicable Statutes or Regulations:**

KRS 160.345-.346

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** At the February 2007 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education voted to transfer school council authority of Holmes Junior/Senior High School (Covington Independent School District) to the superintendent. It further voted to approve the Holmes Junior/Senior High School school council to act in an advisory capacity.

School and district staff drafted school support plans to guide district and school improvements at Holmes Junior/Senior High School. Superintendent Jack Moreland and school leadership conveyed their improvement plans to the Kentucky Board of Education for review and were available for questions during the April and August 2007 Board meetings.

After the August 2007 presentations, the Board requested that the superintendent continue to provide timely updates to discuss progress and impact on student achievement. Thus, Covington Independent was asked to appear at the February 2008 meeting with an update on the progress being made at Holmes Junior/Senior High School. The district will be providing a written report that will be sent under separate cover from the Agenda Book along with some data from KDE.

Additionally, staff will provide a verbal update on KDE's work with low-performing schools as part of this agenda item.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

The district superintendent now has the authority to implement local school governance in Holmes Junior/Senior High School in Covington Independent School District. The full implementation of the school's assistance plan should assist and strengthen this low-performing school.

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### **Date:**

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